ESKRIDGE

THE ESKRIDGE FAMILY

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Inscription of middle flyleaf: Charles Eskridge, December 6, 1785.

Record as written.

Charles Eskridge, son of Samuel and Jane his wife, was born August 27, 1737 and departed this life July 12, 1803.
Hannah Guley, daughter of James and Elizabeth his wife, was born Nov. 5, 1739.
Charles Eskridge and Hannah Guley were married Dec. 20,1758.
William Eskridge son of Charles and Hannah his wife, was born Oct. 27, 1765.
Hannah departed this life June 12, 1769. In 30th year of life.
Charles Eskridge married Mary Ann Lane July 18,1771.
Hector Ross Eskridge son of Charles and Mary Ann was born Sept. 19,1772.

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Hector R. Eskridge was born September 19, 1772,departed this life May2,1823
Hector R. Eskridge married Susannah B. Cockerell March 6, 1794
Susannah B. Cockerell born May 9,1778, died July 26, 1823.
Jannet Ashton Eskridge born Sept. 27, 1795 daughter of Hector and Susannah his wife, and died February 19, 1797.
Ann Matilda Eskridge daughter of Hector and Susannah his wife, was born Sept. 19, 1799.
Hartley Ashton Eskridge, son of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born Jan. 24, 1802.
Courtney L. Eskridge, daughter of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born August 27, 1799.
Richard Harrison Eskridge, son of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born May 15, 1804 and died August 20, 1823.
Thomas Orlando Eskridge son of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born June 7, 1809.——Slave records fill balance of page——Deleted.
Hartley Ashton Eskridge was born July 20,1800, died 1856 in Missouri.
Harriet Cockerell his wife died August 3,1850.

Children of above:

1. Hector Ross Eskridge born Aug. 4, 1832 —died 1910
2. Mary Ann Virginia b. Sept. 17, 1834
3. Thomas Hamlet born April 11, 1837
4. Louise Lavelette born Aug. 11, 1839
5. Charles Washington b. April 8, 1842 —died Oct. 6, 1910 (68)
6. Harriet Virginia b. June 6, 1844
7. Samuel Hartley b. July 30, 1845
8. Harriet Hartley Ashton b. April 15, 1848

JOHN WASHINGTON ESKRIDGE - 1884-1956
↓ b FALLS CHURCH, VA.
WILTON ESKRIDGE b 1921
D CHEVY, D.C.

Hon. James W. Newton
who delivered an address at Niagara Falls Reunion,
May 22, 1883

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS

President Wilson, in his address, said:

"I esteem it a very great pleasure and a real privilege to extend to the men who are attending this reunion the very cordial greetings of the government of the United States."

"I suppose that as you mix with one another you chiefly find these to be days of memory, when your thoughts go back and recalls those days of struggle in which your hearts were strained, in which the whole nation seemed in grapple, and I dare say that you are thrilled as you remember the heroic things that were then done."

"You are glad to remember that heroic things were done on both sides and that men in those days fought in something like the old spirit of chivalric gallantry."

"There are many memories of the civil war that thrill along the blood and make one proud to have been sprung of a race that could produce such bravery and constancy; and yet the world does not live on memories.

"The world is constantly making its toilsome way forward into new and different days, and I believe that one of the things that contribute satisfaction to a reunion like this and a welcome like this is that this is also a day of oblivion."

"There are some things that we have thankfully buried, and among them are the great passions of division which once threatened to rend this nation in twain."

contended with each other in the terrible ordeal of battle and among other results, of that well remembered conflict this banner became one of our trophies, which we bore in triumph from the field as part of the spoils of the victor. And in justice to you, as an eye witness, I delight to say that losing it under the circumstances, reflects no discredit upon you. You had attacked, and were driving in your front a Confederate force, when the 5th swept down upon your flank and rear and turned the tide of battle against you. We now come and I stand here in behalf of the survivors of the gallant old 5th Virginia Infantry, who fired the first gun of the army of the valley under Stonewall Jackson at Falling Water, July 2, 1861, and was in the charge on Sheridan's lines at Apomattox station, on that memorable morning of the 9th day of April, 1865, and whose hearts now go out to you in warmth and kindness, in response to the welcome you have given them and the generosity of soul you have manifested, and the name of the 5th Virginia Infantry, "Stonewall Brigade," Army of Northern Virginia, I now re-present this flag to its honorable and worthy owners, the gallant, genial and hospitable 28th N. Y. Volunteers. And in doing so I repeat the fact that no greater pleasure have I ever experienced, no more agreeable duty have I ever performed, no prouder act have I ever done.

Take it then my valiant friends, and hold it in memory of times and things past. Treasure it now as the emblem of the hopes of a reunited phalanx, as a memento of this occasion, signifying and demonstrating the return of the affections and good will of brave men, who met and crossed their swords in strife and anger on the field of battle. Unfurl it to the gentle breeze of a now peaceful heaven; carry it proudly; bear it aloft, and never let it trail in the dust.

COL. E. F. BROWN, TO THE ADDRESS OF MAJ. J. W. NEWTON, ON THE RETURN OF THE FLAG OF THE 28TH N. Y., CAPTURED AUGUST 9, 1862, BY THE 5TH VIRGINIA

Major Newton, Officer and Veteran of the 5th Virginia Infantry:

As the representative of the 28th Regiment it becomes my duty to respond to your eloquent and finished address. The occasion is one to be proud of and I accept the task with pleasurable emotions. Your kind manner and patriotic words are appreciated and the hearts of this entire assembly have been stirred by your reference to the Flag of our country. This flag has a history, would it could speak for itself and tell it. It is a strange circumstance that it comes back to us after years of absence and becomes a bond of union between those who, twenty years ago, fought for it, and those who fought against it. History tells many strange stories—none more wonderful than this. Could this flag speak it would likely unfold some interesting and instructive lessons. Much of its history is left to the imagination, but it has a record, and if you will pardon me, I will undertake to give a little of it in a short-hand manner. It is not important and will be of little interest to go back of its introduction to the 28th Regiment. It came to us a new, bright, beautiful flag from the hands of his then Excellency, Governor E. D. Morgan, and our knowledge of it dates from May 22, 1861—to-day forty-two years ago this very day—as on that memorable day we were fully organized at Albany, N. Y., and mustered into the service of the United States. It was then a beautiful and attractive emblem, but it had to

and highly commended in official reports. His death ended a career that was a brilliant one, indeed. His death was a personal loss to every member of the regiment. Association with such a man was an honor, and the remembrance of him and his heroic services will ever be a loving and cherished memory.

Major James W. Newton was born March 8, 1838, in Greenville, Augusta County, Virginia. His father's name was John Newton, and was called by every one Squire Newton, his mother's name was Amanda Tate Newton.

James W. Newton was elected Captain of the Volunteer Company organized in Greenville in 1860. At twenty-one years of age taking great interest in his Company of 130 volunteer men in his Company. Afterwards when the election of Officers was held for Company E. 5th Va. Regiment, he was renominated as Captain and when the Officer said all in favor of Captain James W. Newton step forward and the whole one hundred and thirty moved forward. He afterward was promoter to Major of the 5th Virginia Regiment. He was in every Battle in which his Regiment engaged in. At the battle of Winchester he was so badly wounded his left limb had to be amputated. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, after that battle, but the surrender came before he got well. He died January 7th, 1896.

This is the Flag that was captured by the 5th Virginia Regiment from the 28th New York Volunteer Regiment at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia, August 9th, 1862, and returned to the 28th New York by the 5th Virginia Regiment of Infy., May 22, 1883, at Niagara Falls.

RETURN OF THE FLAG

Major J. W. Newton of the 5th Virginia in returning the old flag to the 28th said:

Col. Brown, Officers and Veterans of the 28th New York Volunteers.

By reason of the unavoidable absence of Captain James [illegible]ardner, Jr., the gallant Adjutant of the old 5th Virginia in the days of chivalry, and which circumstance we profoundly regret, as he was chosen to represent us as one of the orators of this occasion, it behooves me as Commandant of this expedition to stand before you as his representative, and as this fact was only revealed to me since leaving Virginia, you will pardon me for using manuscript.

We come now to perform a duty in itself unique and one that presents indeed a beautiful anomaly. In the annuals of the times, in the rolling of the ages, in the history of the world, in all the experience of men raised and extensive as it has been, this peculiar and significant act of fraternity has never before been exemplified or demonstrated. And for this, if for no other reason, I thank God I have lived to see this day, to view these surroundings, to meet you and greet you as we do, and to discharge the most pleasant duty of my life. This grand and beautiful act that we now propose to perform, has never before been illustrated or witnessed in a fraternity assemblage of men like this—the return of a flag to the regiment from which it was captured in war, by the regiment that captured it, on an occasion in peace, where the latter are the honored guests of the former. You do not fail to remember that on the 9th day of August, 1862, we, in bitter antagonism, opposed you on the famous battle ground of Cedar Mountain, when and where we mightily

NAMES OF LADIES AND CITIZENS ACCOMPANYING THE 5TH VIRGINIA

Mrs. J. W. Newton, wife of Major Newton, Mrs. Alice Whitmore, Mrs. B. F. Bagby, Mrs. Jacob Miller, Mrs. Frank Clemmer, Mrs. John Ed. Cale, Miss Lizzie McKeny, Miss Cora Hudson, Miss Cornelia Koiner, Miss May Shipley, Miss Mary Smiley, Miss L. R. Martin, Frank Clemmer, John E. Cole, B. T. Bagley, Jacob Miller, H. L. Hushow, C. B. Bell, Dr. W. R. Turk, J. G. Alexander, Wm. Buckley, Wm. H. Hyer, B. R. Smith, Wm. H. Price, Robert H. Bear, Annanias Miller, G. N. Bear, S. R. Smith, Wm. H. Apple, Jr., W. H. C. Shultz, Wm. H. Beard, D. Rusmisel, M. L. Arehart, D. H. Driver, Wm. A. Houff, P. E. Houff, Wm. M. Boebeck, A. T. Curry, J. S. Dinkle, William Mish, M. F. Fix, John W. Mish, J. W. Miller, E. McGuffin, John W. Cook, John Waldrop, H. L. Willson, Dr. S. H. Dold, C. D. Reeves, Henry Miller, A. G. Beard, Robert Miller, George Miller, W. H. Reid, D. H. Shiplet, A. D. Roller, W. L. Martin, Wm. Linck, S. C. Sover, J. S. Huff, Frank Larew, N. D. Hite, W. L. Grabil, J. W. Martin, W. H. Bargett, J. Bartman, Wm. Clark, Jacob Switzer.

THE EXERCISES TUESDAY

A more disagreeable morning than that which dawned upon us Tuesday could not be well imagined, but, nevertheless, promptly at 11 o'clock the procession was formed in front of the hotel, headed by Marshal Col. E. F. Bowen and the Philharmonic Band, followed by the 5th Virginia, 85 men, under command of Major Newton, and citizens of

Virginia accompanying them; Dudley Donnelly Post 133, G. A. R., Commander Beck, 30 men; Sprout Post, of Lockport, Commander Captain A. Ticknor; the survivors of the 28th Regiment N. Y. Vols. in the order named, and a line of march taken toward Prospect Park Pavilion. The Pavilion was handsomely decorated with flags, and the seats on one side well filled with citizens, the remainder being left for the soldiers. The assemblage was soon called to order by President Flagler and prayer offered by Rev. Geo. F. Rosemuller, of St. Peter's Church, after which Capt. Flagler delivered the following

BENJAMIN FLAGLER

Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Born in Lockport, N. Y., December 10, 1833. Mustered in October 21, 1861, as Captain of Co. A. Resigned on account of disability, October 21, 1862.

He was one of four brothers who served in the War. Mr. Flagler was appointed Inspector of Customs in the District of Niagara in 1863, and later Collector of Customs, which office he held until June 1, 1886. He has been a prominent citizen of Niagara Falls, and an active member of the Masonic fraternity; also a member of the G. A. R., and Commander of Dudley-Donnelly Post. January 1, 1895, he was appointed Chief of Ordnance on the staff of Governor Morton, with the rank of Brigadier-General, and is also Acting Quartermaster-General and Acting Commissary-General of New York State.

General Flagler is one of the most faithful at the yearly reunions, having never missed one since the organization.

the International Hotel at once dispelled the gloom, and by bright fires the storm was soon forgotten. The following survivors of the 5th Va. registered:

Maj. J. W. Newton, President E.

Sergeant T. M. Smiley, Vice-President, D

Dr. C. A. Walker, Surgeon, D.

Dr. S. P. H. Miller, Assistant Surgeon, E.

Rev. S. F. McCutchan, Chaplain, D.

Captain D. Bucher, Quartermaster, L.

Col. E. E. Stickley, Chairman, Executive Committee.

COMPANY A.

Hoffman, E. A.
Crickenberger, Samuel
Miller, A. S.

COMPANY C.

Houff, J. M.
Leeper, J. A.
Lytton, O. L.
Hamrick, H. L.
Tutwiler, P. D.
Lytton, A. W.
Houff, B. F.
Chaseman, G. M.

COMPANY D.

Capt. W. C. McKemy
Lieut. C. W. Baylor
Berry, James W.
Beard, David W.
Carroll, Frank
Callison, James
Hite, S. P.
McCutchan, J. D.
[illegible] Berry
Runkle, Christopher
Snyder, J. A.
Lieut. S. F. Carson
Berry, Charles G.
Beard, John W.
Beard, James E.
Clemmer, Jacob
Fulton, Wm. H.
Helms, S. M.
Miller, D. F.
Runkle, Jacob
Smiley, John P.
Wright, Henry
Wright, William A.

COMPANY E.

Argue, William H.
[illegible]nce, Thomas A.
[illegible] William L.
[illegible] George
Hutcheson, George A.
[illegible] P. J.
[illegible]le, James
[illegible], James
[illegible]ld, John W.
Armentrout, A. C.
Britton, Newton
Campbell, A. T.
Fitch, C. W.
Hays, John W.
Lichtner, J. S.
Taylor, Robert
Wright, John A.
Larne, Frank

COMPANY F.

[illegible]masters, Edward
[illegible]over, R. D.
Spitler, Thomas S.
Housman, Jacob
Keller, H. S.
Trimble, John D.

COMPANY G.

Wilson, William
Tribbett, J. P.

COMPANY H.

Fauver, John H.
[illegible]ner, Irenus
Kennedy, James
[illegible]ly, A. H.
Koiner, J. B.
Koiner, George K.
[illegible]ner, G. F.
Sherman, Wm. H.

COMPANY J.

Whitmore, John A.
Fry, A. C.

COMPANY K.

Fitch, C. W.
Foley, Wm. H.
Foley, J. M.

COMPANY L.

Capt. James Marquis
Ermine, J. H.
Ballew, J. D.
Dosh, T. L.

Total of soldiers, 83.

Stonewall Jackson Camp, C. V. No. 25

U. C. V. No. 469

Staunton, Va., June 2, 1921.

I have looked over Mr. Buckley's History of the re-united North and South: the kindly mingling of the Blue and the Gray—but I have known for many years that he was a Christian gentleman and has given to the public the only History of its kind that has been written and I am sure it will be read with interest and pleasure by a large class of our people.

S. Brown Allen,
Commander Stonewall Jackson Camp.

I ASSUME THIS IS "AUNT MOLLY'S" HUSBAND REV AA'S SON IN LAW.
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Niagara Falls, N. Y.,
May 23, 1883.

PEACE

The Blue and the Gray

Return of the Flag.

Annual Re-Union of the 28th N. Y. Volunteers—they entertain the 5th Virginia Regt. Veterans and Citizens, of Virginia.

History does not mention any event, similar to that which took place yesterday. Many years ago two regiments met in deadly strife, the most bitter enemies, yesterday they met again and clasped hands as brothers, with every feeling of animosity buried. When the old flag of the 28th N. Y. Volunteers was found and it was fully proven that it was captured by the 5th Virginia, it was resolved to invite them to participate in its return at the 22nd annual Re-union, which took place here yesterday. An invitation was sent to Virginia and readily accepted by the survivors of the gallant "Stonewall" brigade A. N. V.

The 5th Va. and Citizens left Staunton, Va., May 19, 1883, at 3 o'clock, p. m., arrived in Baltimore at 9:30 o'clock that evening, stopped in Baltimore until Sunday night at 1:15, took breakfast the next morning at Williamsburg, Pa., received a most hearty welcome at Canandaigua by the soldiers and citizens of that place, and were furnished with an excellent dinner. Here they were joined by Col. Brown, Col. Bowen and Capt. Paddleford and by them escorted to this place reaching here at 5:25 Monday afternoon, in the midst of a severe storm which rather tended to dampen their spirits for a time. But the cordial welcome which awaited them at